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OFFICE CF MANAGING DIRECTOR

> Xiomara Florez UniPlex Telecom 21 S.E. 1st Avenue, 5th Floor Miami, Florida 33131

> > Re: UniPlex Telecom Technologies, Inc. Fee Control No: 00000RROG-02-085. Bill No. 2001-9-0399

Dear Ms. Florez:

This is in response to your request dated April 10, 2002 for waiver of late fees or penalties associated with the fiscal year (FY) 2001 regulatory fee for UniPlex Telecom Technologies, Inc (UniPlex). Our records reflect that we received your regulatory fee of \$3,574.42 on February 27,2001, but that we have not received your late payment penalty of \$893.61.

In your request, you state that you never received "an invoice, statement or any other materials stating that it was required to submit payment to the FCC."

The Commission's rules are clear that licensees such as UniPlex are required to pay to the Commission an annual regulatory fee in a timely manner. See 47 C.F.R. \$1.1157; see also Assessment and Collection & Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2001, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 13, 525 (2001) (2001 Report and Order); 47 U.S.C.\$159. It is the obligation of the licensees responsible for regulatory fee payments to ensure the Commission receives the fee payment no later than the final date on which regulatory fees are due for the year. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1157. The Commission issued a public notice announcing the date on which the FY 2001 regulatory gees were due, specifically, September 26, 2001. See Public Notice, Extension of Fiscal Year 2001 Regulatory Fee Filing Window, 2001 WL 1078406 (Sept. 17, 2001) (Sept. 17 Public Notice). As a Commission licensee, UniPlex is charged with the responsibility to familiarize itself with the Commission's rules and requirements. Therefore, UniPlex's lack of familiarity with the Commission's rules governing and public notices concerning regulatory fee payments does not mitigate or excuse UniPlex's failure to pay the FY 2001 regulatory fee in a timely manner. The Commission has repeatedly held that "[l]icensees are expected to know and comply with the Commission's rules and regulations and will not be excused for violations thereof, absent clear mitigating circumstances. Sitka Broadcasting Co., Inc., 70 FCC 2d 2375,2378 (1979), citing Lowndes County Broadcasting Co., 23 FCC 2d 91 (1970) and *Emporium Broadcasting* Co., 23 FCC 2d 868 (1970). Furthermore, the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Commission to assess a late charge penalty of 25 percent on any regulatory fee not paid in a timely manner. 47 U.S.C. §159(c).

Ms. Xiomara Florez 2.

For the reasons discussed above, we deny your request for rescission of the late charge penalty for late payment of the fiscal year 2001 regulatory fee.

Payment of UniPlex's \$893.61 late payment penalty for FY 2001 regulatory fee is now due. It should be submitted, together with a copy of Bill No. 2001-9-0399, within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Revenue and Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Mark A. Reger Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure:

Bill No. 2001-9-0399

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21 S.E. 1st Avenue, 5th Floor *Miami. FL* 33131 Phone: (305) 858-6700 Fu:(305) 854-7800

April 10,2001

Ms. Susan **A.** Donahue Chief, Revenue and Receivables Operations Group Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. **20554**

Re: UniPlex Telecom Technologies, Inc. ("UniPlex"); Bill Number 2001-9-0399

Dear Ms. Donahue:

Further to our telephone conversation, this letter shall serve as a request for the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to waive the twenty-five percent (25%) late penalty in the amount of \$893.61 that has been assessed against UniPlex. A copy of the cover letter and bill for collection is enclosed for your convenience.

As we discussed, UniPlex never received an invoice, statement or any other materials stating that it was required to submit payment to the FCC. Therefore, UniPlex respectfully requests for the FCC to waive the penalty amount stated above.

Please contact me if you need any further information or assistance.

Sincerely yours

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Accounting Department

Enclosures

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January 15, 2001 Via Overnight Delivery

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RE:

UniPlex Telecom Technologies, Inc.

Tel: 407-740-8575

FCC Common Carrier Regulatory Fee (Form FCC 159) - Client Payee

Fax: 407-740-0613

For the year ending December 31, 1999

tmi@tminc.com

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the FCC Common Carrier Regulatory Fee (Form FCC 159) -Client Payee for the year ending December 31, 1999, filed on behalf of UniPlex Telecom Technologies, Inc. A check in the amount of \$3,574.42 is enclosed to cover the remittance fees due.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-8575. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Corddr

Compliance Reporting Consultant

Leonard Whan - UniPlex Telecom Technologies, Inc cc:

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Federal Communications Commission BILL FOR COLLECTION

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